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SUBJ: UN STUDY OF GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT

1. WE COMMEND A STUDY PREPARED BY THE UN SECRETARIAT,
RELEASED 30 SEPTEMBER, ENTITLED "PHYSICAL NATURE AND TECHNICAL
ATTRIBUTES OF THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT", UN DOC A/AC.105/203.
THIS STUDY WAS REQUESTED BY THE OUTER SPACE COMMITTEE
PREPARATORY TO THE 1978 SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
SUBCOMMITTEE.

2. THE SECRETARIAT PAPER DISCUSSES DEFINITION AND PERIOD
OF A GEOSTATIONARY SATELLITE, FORCE ACTING ON SUCH A
SATELLITE, PHYSICAL CONSTRAINTS, AND SATELLITES IN
AND POSSIBLE FUTURE USES OF THE ORBIT. WHILE MUCH OF IT
WILL BE DIFFICULT FOR THE GENERAL DIPLOMATIC READER,
EVEN CURSORY SKIMMING WILL BE HELPFUL FROM A US
VIEW IN COUNTERING THE PRETENSIONS OF SUCH EQUATORIAL STATES
AS COLOMBIA AND ECUADOR TO SOVEREIGNTY OR PREFERENTIAL RIGHTS
TO THAT PART OF THE ORBIT "LYING OVER" THEIR NATIONAL TERRITORY.
THE PAPER IS THUS SUPPORTIVE OF THE ARGUMENTATION ADVANCED
BY THE US DELEGATION AT THE 1977 SESSION OF THE OUTER SPACE
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LEGAL SUBCOMMITTEE IN OPPOSING THE CLAIMS OF THE ADHERENTS TO
THE "DECLARATION OF BOGOTA".

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, FM AYALA LASSO BRIEFLY REITERATED
THE ECUADORIAN CLAIM IN HIS STATEMENT IN THE UNGA GENERAL
DEBATE ON 27 SEPTEMBER. HE SAID:

"BY VIRTUE OF ITS EQUATORIAL LOCATION, MY COUNTRY VIEWS WITH PARTICULAR INTEREST THE SCIENTIFIC PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF OUTER SPACE EXPLORATION; THIS OPENS UP NEW PROSPECTS FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MAN'S LIFE ON THIS PLANET. ECUADOR HOPES TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE PEACEFUL USES OF OUTER SPACE AND ASKS FOR THE ASSEMBLY'S SUPPORT IN ORDER THAT ITS HOPES IN THIS REGARD MAY BE FULFILLED. WE HAVE ALREADY PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMITTEE'S WORK AS OBSERVERS. IN ITS LEGAL SUB-COMMITTEE THIS YEAR ECUADOR ONCE MORE STATED ITS REASONS FOR DECLARING, TOGETHER WITH OTHER EQUATORIAL STATES, ITS WILL TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE SEGMENTS OF THE GEOSTATIONARY SYNCHRONOUS ORBIT WHICH ARE LOCATED ABOVE ITS CONTINENTAL, MARITIME AND INSULAR TERRITORY. WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN THIS POSITION DESPITE ANY OBSTACLE THAT MAY BE PUT IN OUR WAY, IN REGARD TO THIS MATTER OF NATURAL RESOURCES SUCH AS THE GEOSTATIONARY ORBIT. I AM BOUND ALSO TO STATE AT THIS TIME THAT SUCH AN ORBIT IS A SEPARATE AND DIFFICULT ENTITY FROM OUTER SPACE, THE LATTER BEING A CONCEPT FOR WHICH THE STATES HAVE NOT YET FOUND A VALID AND SATISFACTORY DEFINITION".

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